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SUBJECT: VISIT TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORP.

TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORP. NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT ITS PRESIDENT, GEORGE F. KIRBY, AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN C. JACOBS, WOULD BE IN CAIRO JANUARY 2 OR 3 FOR SEVERAL DAYS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. COMPANY HAD TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE 1972 OF DOLS 785 MILLION AND IS INVOLVED IN GAS PIPELINES, EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. COMPANY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON NORTH STAR PROJECT IN SOVIET UNION AND HAS TWO PROJECTS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AMBASSADOR GHORBAL HAS APPARENTLY TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO ENCOURAGE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT EGYPT AND THIS TRIP IS RESULT OF THAT INITIATIVE. COMPANY WILL BE DISCUSSING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION CONCESSIONS AS WELL AS OTHER PROJECTS. EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS APPARENTLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT ADVISED COMPANY OF EMBASSY'S READINESS TO ASSIST AND ASKED COMPANY TO BRIEF EMBASSY AFTER DISCUSSIONS.

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